of Re. 1 per kg. on tea for the development, modernization and rehabilitation of tea plantation sector, formulation of a Special Tea Term Loan (STTL) for the tea sector which envisages restructuring/rephasing of irregular portion of outstanding term/working capital loans in the tea sector, implementation of a price sharing formula between small tea growers and manufacturers of tea *w.e.f.* 1.4.2004 with a view to ensure that the small growers get a reasonable share of the price obtained by the manufacturer for made tea, implementation of a price subsidy scheme for small tea growers for a four month period from Februrary to May 2004 etc. Besides, a number of developmental Schemes are being implemented by the Tea Board during the 10th Five Year Plan for enhancing productivity, quality and marketability of tea produced in the country under which financial and technical assistance is being provided for various plantation development activities like replanting, rejuvenation, creation of irrigation facilities etc.

(e) The focus during the Tenth Plan period is on the improvement of the quality and productivity of tea and the development schemes of the Tea Board have been re-oriented with this objective. Tea Board is also implementing a new scheme of Quality Upgradation and Product Diversification during the Tenth Plan period under which subsidy is provided for modernization of the processing factories etc. For productivity improvement, subsidy is being provided by the Tea Board for renovation of old tea bushes by way of replanting, replacement planting, rejuvenation pruning and Consolidation through in filling, creation of irrigation facilities etc. Tea Board is also orgainsing training programmes for imparting training on quality and productivity improvement measures to both small and large growers. The import duty on items of machinery used to improve productivity and quality of tea, including value addition, has been reduced to an all inclusive rate of 5%.

Plight of industries in Madhya Pradesh

†1946. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether industries and business in Madhya Pradesh is in bad shape;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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(c) the steps being taken by Government to establish new industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The status of Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEM) filed and Letters of Intent (LOIs)+Direct Industrial Licenses (DILs) issued for Madhya Pradesh (MP) *vis-a-vis* All India, for the period August 1991 to June 2004, is given below:

	lEMs filed	Proposed Invest-ment (Rs. Crore)	Proposed Employ-ment (Nos.)	LOIs + DILs issued	Invest-ment (Rs. crore)	Employ ment
Madhya	2068	44499	396306	141	3160	30163
Pradesh All	53518	1289116	10412045	3933	111248	851190
India Percentage of	3.86	3.45	3.81	3.59	2.84	3.54

In terms of attracting domestic investment intentions, Madhya Pradesh ranks eleventh on the basis of total IEM filed and LCIs issued for the country as a whole.

As per the information received from Reserve Bank of India, based on the returns submitted by scheduled commercial banks, the details of SSI (Small Scale Industry) sick units and Non-SSI sick/weak units in Madhya Pradesh *vis-a-vis* all India at the end of March 2003 are as below:

	SSI Sick Units		Non-SSI sick/weak	
	No. of Units	Outstanding bank credit (Rupees in crores)	No. of Units	Outstanding bank credit (Rupees in crores)
Madhya	11601	200.50	138	1158.24
Pradesh All	167980	5706.35	3396	
India Percentage of	6.91	3.51	29109.89 4.06	
			3.98	

' In terms of outstanding bank credit to SSI sick units Madhya Pradesh ranks 11th and to non-SSI sick/weak units 9th among all States.

(c) The Government provides a policy regime which facilitate and fosters growth and development of industry and also give special

assistance to States for the infrastructure development. Under the Growth Centre Scheme aimed at promoting industrialisation of backward areas in the country, four Growth Centres have been sanctioned to the State of Madhya Pradesh and central assistance to the tune of Rs. 35.50 crore has been released for these centres.

Trade promotion organisation complex at Madurai and Coimbatore

1947. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give financial assistance to the Government of Tamil Nadu for setting up of Trade Promotion Organisation Complex at Madurai and Coimbatore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No proposal for setting up of a Trade Promotion Organisation Complex at Madurai and Coimbatore has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Karnataka light soil tobacco crop

1948. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Light Soil tobacco crop for the coming season is likely to be lower than last year due to failure of backing rains during the month of July, 2004;

(b) whether the KLS tobacco growers in Mysore region had anticipated a bumper KLS crop this year based on the normal rainfall, have since scaled down the yield expectations; and

(c) whether considering the huge export earning potential of KLS tobacco, Government would provide special incentives for KLS tobacco growers in the State?